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Tommy FRANSSON et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
Application No.: 10/018,778 ) Examiner: E. J. Hug  
Filed: December 21, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 1670  
For: METHOD OF THREADING )

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory response period in which this Amendment is being timely filed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5 and 9-20.*

*Please replace claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and add new claims 21-47, as follows.*

1. (Amended) A method for threading a material web through a processing plant, in which the material web is divided by a longitudinal cut into a first narrow part and a second broad part, the first part being passed through the processing plant while the second part is separated, the width of the first part is increased successively so that a growing share of the material web is passed through the processing plant, so that finally the

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and the [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is/are Verified Translation of Swedish Priority Application No. 9902480-4
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$375.00 (2801) [ ] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	32	MINUS 20 =	12	$\times \$18.00 (1202) =$	216.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	$\times \$84.00 (1201) =$	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					
<b>\$216.00</b>					

A claim fee in the amount of \$ 216.00 is enclosed.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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